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CORRUPTION IN CANTEEN STORES DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of widespread corruption in the Canteen Stores Department regarding purchase of various items that are canalised through this organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the norms prescribed for the purchase of the alcoholic beverages are consistent with overall purchase policies;

(d) if not, whether there are different norms governing such purchases;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Servicemen are receiving their wide choice of products from the Canteen Stores Department that are available in the market;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the norms adopted in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): There is no widespread corruption in the Canteen Stores Department (CSD). Appropriate measures are already in place to check corruption in the purchase of various items. However, isolated cases of corruption are not ruled out in such a large organisation.

(c) Introduction of all the items in Canteen Stores Department (including general stores and liquor) are as per prescribed norms and overall purchase policy.

(d) & (e): Not applicable in view of answer at (c) above.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) & (h): Not applicable in view of answer at (f) above.